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SUBJECT: INDIAN TRADE STATISTICS

REF: STATE 153542; KATHMANDU A-86

1. NEPALESE TRADE STATISTICS ARE INADEQUATE AND NOT AVAILABLE IN FORM REQUESTED REFTEL; STATISTICS FOR TRADE WITH INDIA NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL FOR YEARS AFTER FY 69. FOLLOWING, HOWEVER, ARE OUR BEST ESTIMATES:

2. EXPORTS, CY 1972: TOTAL: \$110.60 MILLION (ESTIMATE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT RASTRA BANK FIGURES FOR EXPORTS TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES (TOTAL REPORTED AS \$16.59 MILLION) REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT TOTAL EXPORTS, WITH REMAINING 85 PERCENT, WHICH WE CALCULATE AT \$94.01 MILLION, GOING TO INDIA. FIVE MAJOR TRADE PARTNERS: INDIA, BELGIUM, WEST GERMANY, U.K., JAPAN. EXPORTS TO U. S., CY 1972: \$1.7 MILLION (EST.).

3. IMPORTS, CY 1972; TOTAL; \$115.87 MILLION (ESTIMATE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT RASTRA BANK FIGURES FOR IMPORTS FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES (TOTAL: \$17.38 MILLION), WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE ITEMS NOT YET PAID FOR EXCEPT FOR THE \$5.3 MILLION BOEING 727 JET, REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT TOTAL IMPORTS, WITH REMAINING 85 PERCENT (\$98.49 MILLION) COMING FROM INDIA.
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FIVE MAJOR TRADE PARTNERS; INDIA, U.S., JAPAN, WEST

GERMANY, U.K. IMPORTS FROM U.S., CY 1972: \$8.6 MILLION
(EST.).

4. PRINCIPAL EXPORTS TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES (ONLY FY FIGURES
AVAILABLE):

IN MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLAR

FY 69 FY 70 FY 71 FY 72 FY 73
(1ST 2 QTS.)

EXPORTS

RAW JUTE (26) &

JUTE CUTTINGS 7.52 4.06 3.03 6.061 4.39

JUTE GOODS (65) 2.51 2.18 2.19 3.63 2.87

BRISTLE (29) 1.36 1.59 .77 .22 .10

CURIO GOODS (89) .18 .38 .18 .11 .08

CARPET (65) .06 .11 .07 .08 .05

5. PRINCIPAL IMPORTS FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES (ONLY FY FIGURES
AVAILABLE):

IN MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLAR

FY 69 FY 70 FY 71 FY 72

IMPORTS

TEXTILES (65) .46 1.11 2.48 2.54

MACHINERIES (71) .52 1.16 .44 1.75

FOOD (22) .81 .24 .08 1.64

CONSTRUCTION

MATERIALS

(66, 72) .48 .55 .57 1.14

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RAW MATERIALS

(UNKNOWN) 1.94 2.77 .47 1.09

6. INDIAN STATISTICS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR LATER THAN FY 69.
MAJOR EXPORTS TO INDIA: RICE, TIMBER, JUTE. MAJOR IMPORTS
FROM INDIA: TEXTILES, PETROLEUM, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.
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